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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
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For: Surgical Instrument with Angled § Examiner: Jerry L. Cumberledge
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 30, 2007 and Advisory Action of February 19, 2008, entry of the following amendments and comments into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. If any additional fees are required including extension of time fees, Applicants hereby petition for the extension of time and authorize that any required fees be charged to Haynes & Boone LLP Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.